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Mr. Christopher P. Blilely
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Mr. Blilely:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence from my constituent Mr. (b) (6)

This individual has expressed some concerns about the rescinding of the Spruce Number 1 Mine Permit. I would appreciate it if you would carefully review their comments and provide a response to the concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes Member of Congress

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It's official: we are under attack by our own government.

On October 15, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told lawmakers she has no intention of killing coal mining. On October 16, she rescinded a legal mining permit that was issued in 2007. This permit - the Spruce Number 1 Mine permit - was one of the most reviewed and scrutinized permits in history. It took 10 years to be approved.

Now the federal government says: 'Stop work. Send your employees to the unemployment lines. Shut down your community centers, factories, retail stores, libraries and restaurants.'

Radical environmentalists and their bureaucratic allies in Washington are waging war against the people of Appalachia, and we don't know why. All we know is that they don't care about us, our families, our heritage, our future. They would rather see us on welfare than on the job.

The EPA is sacrificing my future to satisfy a handful of people who've never stepped foot where I live and work, people who want to punish companies that follow the rules that government told them to follow.

Please take action now to stop this war against the people of Appalachia.

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